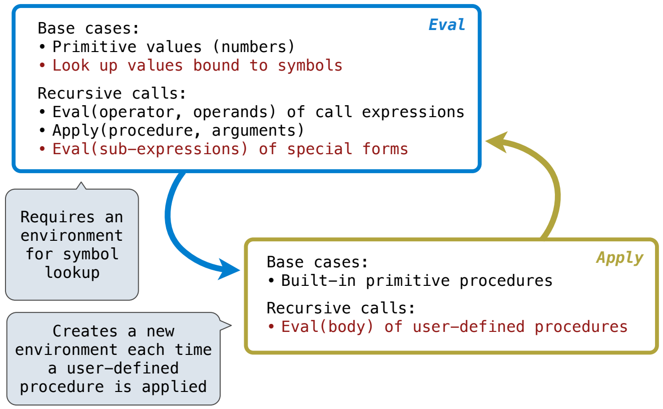
Interpreters

Announcements

Interpreting Scheme

The Structure of an Interpreter



Eval

Base cases:
- Primitive values (numbers)
- Look up values bound to symbols

Recursive calls:
- Eval(operator, operands) of call expressions
- Apply(procedure, arguments)
- Eval(sub-expressions) of special forms

Apply

Base cases:
- Built-in primitive procedures

Recursive calls:
- Eval(body) of user-defined procedures

Requires an environment for symbol lookup

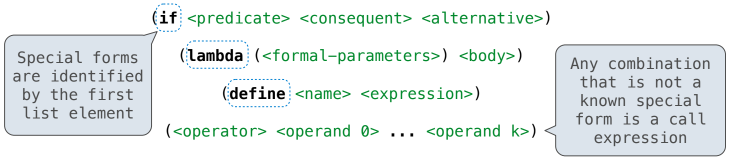
Creates a new environment each time a user-defined procedure is applied

Special Forms

Scheme Evaluation

The scheme_eval function choose behavior based on expression form:

- Symbols are looked up in the current environment
- Self-evaluating expressions are returned as values
- All other legal expressions are represented as Scheme lists, called combinations



```
(if <predicate> <consequent> <alternative>)
 (lambda (<formal-parameters>) <body>)
   (define <name> <expression>)
(<operator> <operand 0> ... <operand k>)
```

Special forms are identified by the first list element

Any combination that is not a known special form is a call expression

```
(define (demo s) (if (null? s) '(3) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s))) ))

(demo (list 1 2))
```

Logical Forms

Logical Special Forms

Logical forms may only evaluate some sub-expressions

- **If** expression: (**if** <predicate> <consequent> <alternative>)
- **And** and **or**: (**and** <e1> ... <en>), (**or** <e1> ... <en>)
- **Cond** expression: (**cond** (<p1> <e1>) ... (<pn> <en>) (else <e>))

The value of an if expression is the value of a sub-expression:

- Evaluate the predicate
- Choose a sub-expression: <consequent> or <alternative>
- Evaluate that sub-expression to get the value of the whole expression

do_if_form

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Quotation

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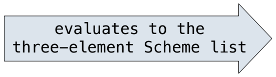
The quote special form evaluates to the quoted expression, which is not evaluated

```
(quote <expression>)     (quote (+ 1 2))
```



evaluates to the three-element Scheme list

```
(+ 1 2)
```

The <expression> itself is the value of the whole quote expression

'<expression> is shorthand for (quote <expression>)

`(quote (1 2))` is equivalent to `'(1 2)`

The scheme_read parser converts shorthand ' to a combination that starts with quote

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Lambda Expressions

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Lambda expressions evaluate to user-defined procedures

```
(lambda (<formal-parameters>) <body>)

(lambda (x) (* x x))
```

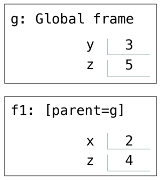
```
class LambdaProcedure:
    def __init__(self, formals, body, env):
        self.formals = formals ··················· A scheme list of symbols
        self.body = body ························· A scheme list of expressions
        self.env = env ··························· A Frame instance
```

Frames and Environments

A frame represents an environment by having a parent frame

Frames are Python instances with methods **lookup** and **define**

In Project 4, Frames do not hold return values



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Define Expressions

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Define binds a symbol to a value in the first frame of the current environment.

```
(define <name> <expression>)
```

1. Evaluate the <expression>

2. Bind <name> to its value in the current frame

```
(define x (+ 1 2))
```

Procedure definition is shorthand of define with a lambda expression

```
(define (<name> <formal parameters>) <body>)

(define <name> (lambda (<formal parameters>) <body>))
```

Applying User-Defined Procedures

To apply a user-defined procedure, create a new frame in which formal parameters are bound to argument values, whose parent is the **env** attribute of the procedure

Evaluate the body of the procedure in the environment that starts with this new frame

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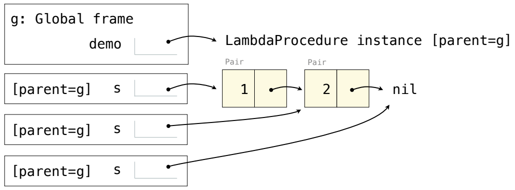
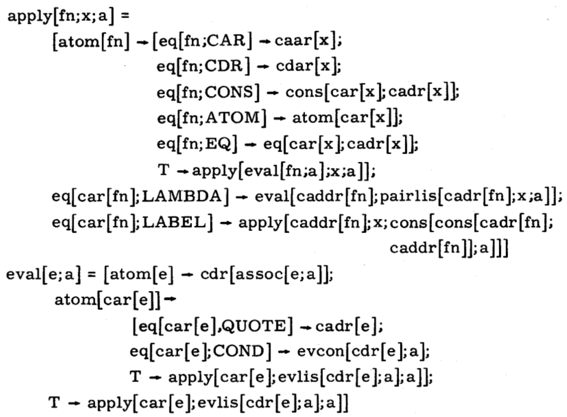
(demo (list 1 2))
```



Eval/Apply in Lisp 1.5



```
apply[fn;x;a] =
     [atom[fn] → [eq[fn;CAR] → caar[x];
                  eq[fn;CDR] → cdar[x];
                  eq[fn;CONS] → cons[car[x];cadr[x]];
                  eq[fn;ATOM] → atom[car[x]];
                  eq[fn;EQ] → eq[car[x];cadr[x]];
                  T → apply[eval[fn;a];x;a]];
     eq[car[fn];LAMBDA] → eval[caddr[fn];pairlis[cadr[fn];x;a]];
     eq[car[fn];LABEL] → apply[caddr[fn];x;cons[cons[cadr[fn];
                                             caddr[fn]];a]]]
eval[e;a] = [atom[e] → cdr[assoc[e;a]];
     atom[car[e]]→
               [eq[car[e],QUOTE] → cadr[e];
               eq[car[e];COND] → evcon[cdr[e];a];
               T → apply[car[e];evlis[cdr[e];a];a]];
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```